Temperature Rise Permits New York to Get 21,000 Tons of Coal.

AVERTED BIG SHUTDOWN

Ice, However, Hampers Barges and Has Sent 85 Tugs to . Dry Docks.

Albert H. Wiggin, State Fuel Adminis trater, looked out of his office window yesterday at skies swollen with the

hears the clatter of approaching hoofs Mr. Wiggin and those associated with him in the task of apportioning the scanty fuel supply went to bed last night blessing the dispensation of Providence which had sent the most fuel supply went to bed last trick; eavesdropping on the pages. which had sent the mild weather in the fuel situation more serious than any other which had confronted them in the course of an incredible winter, and had been frank in saying that if the thermometer were to lag at zero over many days they were without plans to meet the conditions it would cause.

\$1,000 Tone Day's Not Gains. From the moment when the temperature of this region began to rise Tuesday night every resource of labor and transit likely to contribute to the bringing of fuel to the city was brought into active play and by the time dark set is last night 31,000 anthracite tons had been brought up from tidewater. This amount is 1,000 tens more than the people of New York must have for their vital needs. It beat Tuesday's showing by 7,000 tons. Tuesday the fuel officials had said that with coal coming in at that day's same rate practically all the industries by which New York lives would have to close their doors in a few days.

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The expedient of helping the city out of its tight corner by permitting the use of soft coal was resorted to yesterday in hundreds of homes and apartment houses, which by yesterday morning had burned the last pound of anthracite they had on hand.

An ordinance forbids the use of any but hard coal within the city limits, and the soft coal which was portloned out here yesterday was acutely needed for other purposes. It was turned aside from the uses of shipping by special permission of the National Fuel Administration at Washington and only enough of it was transferred to make up the difference between the 14,000 tons of Tuesday and the 20,000 which is minimum for priority needs.

The 6,000 soft tons were doled out a few tons at a time to the apartment buildings, and a ton apiece to dwelling houses. City chimneys and draft arrangements are not designed for rooft coal consumption, as soft coal requires a strong draft and constant firing. Those who received it, however, accepted it with all the ardor of persons getting gold at a bank.

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It was by the divering of the soft coal to household use that the administration was able to make good its promise of Tuesday, that any one actually suffaring for the want of it would be alloted a quote of coal from some source somehow.

The transporting of \$1,000 tons of an The transporting of 21,000 tons of anthracite to New York yesterday was eccemplished by extraordinary efforts on the part of all concerned, for the Hudson and East rivers and the upper bay were choked with drifting ice and the crippling of harbor craft came close to being the rule rather than the exception. W. B. Pollock, Deputy Marine Directer of the port, reposted the following state of affairs:

and, and off Execution Light at the entrance to Long Island Sound. No Sound line steamboats able to go out on account of the ice conditions.

85 Tugo Out of Commission.

No lightering possible at the Bush docks in South Brooklyn, and Staten Island Sound and Gowanus Canal not

avigable. Twenty-eight railroad tugs laid up by repairs, and fifty-seven tugs con-rolled by the New York Towboat archange withdrawn on account of amage. The total of eighty-five tugs ut of commission is about one-third he number available in the whole arbor.

harbor.
Forty coal barges out of commission, including seventeen that have been sunk since the beginning of severe harbor conditions. Of this number the cargoes of seven, approximating \$0,000 tons, are at the bottom of the harbor and Staten Island Sound and cannot be salvaged before spring. and cannot be salvaged before spring.
Joseph F. Ahearn, administrator for The Bronx, has an envious eye on the craft caught in the ice at the entrance to Long Island Sound. Among them is a schooner bound for New England with 15,000 tons under her halches. She has been tight in the ice for a week a few hundred yards from City Island and Mr. Ahearn has been assured that the ice about her is strong enough to bear the weight of horses and carts.

He has petitioned Washington asking for the coal and is ready to make it up out of what comes to The Broux by the time the ice gives way about her and sets the schooner free.

ts the schooner free.
There were only 725 tons en hand for stribution in The Bronx last night, to lowest amount since the coal short-

By means of "listening in" on a saloon telephone, a practice of the Mitchel police administration and which was denounced by Mayor Hylan and others of the new administration in the last city campaign, the police yesterday obtained evidence which resulted in the arrest on gambling charges of Robert Page, a saloon keeper of 349 East 149th street, and Patrick Smith, a laborer of 629 Lenox avenue.

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Rudolph Theime, an upholeterer of 2616 Chemprough avenue, The Bronz, had complained to the police that he had lost \$120 in Page's place by playing a wheel of fortune operated by Smith. He went to the saloon to bet on a horse which subsequently won at the odds of 7 to 1, but Page refused to accept the bet.

bet.

Theime took advantage of an invitation to try his luck with the wheel of fortune and his money disappeared. His suspicion might not have been aroused had he not learned that the horse of his choice won. But when he heard that he went to Police Inspector Richard O'Connor, who detailed men to watch Page's mileon. As was disclosed in Morrisania court when the two wear held in \$200.

### They had been face to face with a crisis in the fuel situation more serious than 1,506 PASSENGERS

Large Boarding Party Takes Charge to Search for Possible Enemy Agents.

The Holland-America liner Nieuw am, which sailed from Rotter dam on January 26, with 631 first cabir maera, arrived outside an Ameriearly this morning."

sterdam is Augustus Phillips, recently appointed Dutch Minister to the United States, who, contrary to the usual Holland diplomatic policy, was selected from outside the Diplomatic Corps because the country deemed it necessary to have its interests in America in charge of a business man of experience. Mr. Phillips has given much attention to the recent history of the United States and its attitude toward neutrals and has made a careful study of the addresses of President Wilson and other themes relating to American politics and business.

Public Barred From Pier

The usual war sone passes adm

otherwise and to prevent the possibility of any pro-German person with a war zone pass from receiving anything from her alien passengers, more than 1,400, an unusually large list.

The searchers appreciate the magnitude of their job and the necessity of doing it scrupulously, and it is predicted that many aliens will be held up and some sent to Ellis Island. Another reason for keeping out the newspaper men

ing American relief to distressed Poles; Charles A. Drost of Boston, and six Dutch skippers who will sail hence for the Dutch East Indies to take charge of German vessels interned there which Germany has offered to Holland to take the places of some tospedoed by U-boats. There are thirty American citizens aboard, including ten women. More than 100 persons who had bought tickets for the Nieuw Amsterdam at Rotterdam were turned back from her because they were unable to get their passports vised by the American consulate.

### OLD SUBWAY BLOCKADED.

The Interborough subway was blocked last night for more than half an hour. As usual the tleup came at the time when everybody was rushing for home and caused terrific jams at every station from Borough Hall, Brocklyn, to Times Squara. The blockade was due to a short circuit in the main power feed wires at Bowling Green.

Bo dense did the crowd become at the Brocklyn Bridge station that the sale

Felix A. Bixon Compensated

A verdict of \$1.060 was awarded Felix
A Dixon, an easign in the United States
Newy, peaterday by a jury in Justice
Brianger's part of the Supremer Court
for personal injuries received in a troiley car cellision while a passenger on
a car of the United Railway Company.
Dixon was formerly a stenographer in
the effice of J. P. Morgan and was hurt
in September, 1917, in an accident at
185th street and Jerome avenue.

The company admitted Hability, but
claimed the injuries complained of were
trifling and insignificant.

# AIDS GARFIELD MEN "Listening In" Trick Used by FREIGHT CONGESTION

Car Movement for the Day Heaviest Reported in Last Two Weeks.

MANY RIVERS NEAR FLOOD

Heavy Snow Again Falling in Upper N. Y. State and New England.

dealt it by the frigid weather to the exthemselves. They showed that in the rebound from the depression of the previous two days they had busien the record of the last two weeks.

The figures were these:
Eastbound loaded cars, 59,754, an increase of 3,427 over Tune tay; westbound loaded cars, 59,841, an increase of 4,894 over Tunesday.

Eastbound empties, 12,245, an increase of 2,139 over the day previous; westbound empties, 47,934, a jump upward of 2,222 over Tunesday.

The records of a week are and tone.

bound empties, 47,934, a jump upward of 2,222 over Tuesday.

The records of a week ago and two weeks ago are uniformly below this record by several thousand each way. It is just possible that Director Smith was not desirous of noting the improvement so soon. Out of the West there came reports that made flood conditions seem imminent, and in New England heavy snow and light wind put an effective stoppage on most freight traffic.

The great fraffic improvement taking place between New York and Chicago was due to rising temperature, but all along the line there were temporary setbacks. Passenger trains were running from two to four hours late over the main lines to the West and many freights ran into snowdrifts and had to be dug out. Chicago reported a 70 per cent. normal receipt of coal, 1.158 cars, and a temperature of 40 degrees above zero, but between Chicago and Buffalo the blizzardy weather reduced freight movement from 5 to 25 per cent.

The central West condition was thus described: Freight trains stalled in snow; engines frozen; shortage of water

Heavy Snow Up-State.

Six to eight inches of snow fell in northwestern New York yesterday, clos-ing down freight operation and delaying ger trains to six cars and attach two
engines to make head against the drifts.
In the coal regions from sixteen to
twenty feet of snow filled cuts and dealt
car shifting a knockout blow. Two re-

### CALLS LEE'S CHARGE FALSE.

to Hit Eight Hour Law. William H. Truesdale, president of the Lackawanna Railroad, denied emphati-cally yesterday there is any truth in the charges made in Washington by W. T. Lee of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainment that the railroads are oper-

Trainment that the railroads are operating inefficiently in order to give the eight hour law a black eye.

"There is no truth in the statement," Mr. Truesdale said. "The railroads have been operating under severe weather conditions and therefore have not been able to maintain their usual efficiency. Lately we have had to hire a large number of men for train operation. There difficulties we are overcoming. I don't know that Mr. Lee's statement should difficulties we are overcoming. I don't be given the dignity of a denial, but so far as our deliberately setting to work to obstruct the operation of the eight hour law, there is absolutely no truth in it."

SCHOOLS CLOSE TILL 13TH.

shut to Save Coal-Transferred

The Board of Education declined yes

The Board of Education declined yesterday to reinstate the six teachers who were transferred from the De Witt Clinton High School following the recent charges of disloyalty. The six have been transferred to other schools with the same pay.

The board decided to close the schools from Friday, February 8, to February 13, to save coal. Monday is a heatless day, and as the Tuesday following is a legal holiday—Lincoln's Birthday—it was thought best to make a clean sweep of the intervening days and let the schoels rest entirely for the period.

No action was taken on the question of placing men and women teachers on the same basis for appointment to principalships, pending a report from the

morning to form, in some instances, bergilike masses and fields that defied the battering bows of tugs. A great field that had drifted out from Delawars Breakwater obstructed coastwise navigation of the Delaware Capes. The edity per of an American steamship reported that she had spent three hours amashing her way through the field which memed to be about ten miles equare. It was twenty-five miles off shore and looked like a section of the coast.

The loc jam in the bay and rivers hereabout was worst in the herming, at the feet of whitchall street and Atlantic avenua ferry, with beats plying between the foot of Whitchall street and Atlantic avenua, Brooklyn, suspended business everal hours, and a down steam i lattern and lough were ferced to the up to be a feet to the manifest to take risks ramming the fiese. The concrete enclosed police basin at the Baltery two hours because the pilots feared to take risks ramming the fiese. The apablic kanding of the municipality, was frozen almost soild, and three was leaded.

### WIRES TAPPED; TWO RAILROAD REDUCING MUST QUIT HIS GO-CARTS TO HELP FIGHT KAISER

Ficks, Baby Carriage Maker, Exempted by Wilson in First Draft, Is Ordered to Camp by Hughes Board.

The manufacture of baby carriages is not an industry indispensable to the military policies of the country. This ruling was made yesterday by the District Draft Appeals Board, of which Charles E. Hughes is chairman.

That body refused to exampt from the Graft one Robert Lester Ficks, a produce of infants filvers, and voted unanimously to send him along with the next men to be drawn for military service by Local Board 164.

Meier Steinbrink, one of the appeals officials, thought that in view of the recent ruling of the Secretary of War encouraging marriages among men of draft age Robert might prove a most important personage in the community, but the board decided to accept Issac T. Flatte's recommendation and to send him "over the top."

Even the fact that Robert is making.

## HALTS RECOUNT

Clerk Made Erasure on Ballot.

The recount of ballots in the contest rought by former Judge James A. Delhanty to oust Judge John F. McIntyre. with ballots were made by one of attorneys for Judge McIntyre.

attorneys for Judge McIntyre.

John G. Saxe. of counsel for Judge McIntyre, arose at the opening of court and told to Justice Sawyer, before whom the contest is being heard, that he could not go on with the recount unless in the presence of the jury, which had been excused, and the recount be made box by box. Mr. Saxe charged that one of the assistant clerks working for Judge Delehanty was seen to wet his fingers several times yesterday and make an erasure on a ballot.

Altorney Saxe declared that if the

MOTORCYCLE COP ON TRIAL Kerrigan Accused of Taking Bribe

One of the motorcycle policemen, whose indictment on a charge of extortion grew out of the investigation into the escape of Ruth Cruger's elayer, was placed on trial before Justice Goff in the Criminal branch of the Supreme Court yesterday. The man, Thomas M. Kerrigan, is alleged to have received a pair of gold link cuff buttons from Albert Schustek, a chauffeur, whom he arrested for speeding, but whom he later charged with a minor violation, for which Schustek was fined \$2. This is alleged to have occurred in April, 1915. which Schustek was fined \$2. This is alleged to have occurred in April, 1915. Witnesses were heard in the after-noon. Kerrigan lives at 3700 Heath avenus. Kingsbridgs. Two other mem-bers of the motorcycle squad indicted of similar charges are Willard A. Helms and James F. Haggerty.

CITY EXEMPT MEN BARRED BY LEWIS Benefits Under Fenner Wage Law Denied Jobholders.

The Association for Improving The Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, like every other agency, has had to change and adjust itself to war conditions. Many of its nurses, trained visitors and other workers have been given over to war service. Ten members of the board of managers are spending all their time in work, and others are doing part time work, and others are doing part time work.

The number of families cared for was somewhat iess last year than for several ones past owing to the great demand for labor. On the other hand, the high cost of food, fuel and clothing has made it necessary to expend more money in gen-

of food, fuel and clothing has made it necessary to expend more money in general relief.

According to the 1917 year hook, just issued, 6,623 families, with 25,903 members, were assisted with money, food, clothing or rent, while 4,809 families were under the care of the A. I. C. P. nurses, who made 29,902 visits and treated 16,073 individuals.

There were provided 30,432 days of country outings for 6,911 mothers and children during the summer, the time ranging from one to eight weeks, while 125,751 days of care and treatment were given to 668 parsons at the association's home hospital for tuberculosis. Five hundred and eighty-seven families were given continuous instruction in cooking and household economics, while 568 widows were given monthly allowances to enable them to care for their 1,814 children. little children received assistance \$11,457 was obtained for them from deserting husbands.

### RUSH OVERWHELMS CITY'S TRUCKMEN

Charges Delehanty Assistant Shippers Driven Frantic by Inability to Arrange for Cartage.

> by months of pier congestion that has oods that have been long en rout finally arrive, but the average shipper has learned the goods might better never ing to get them promptly carted from Agitation of the telephone hook in ap-peals to the various trucking companies is good exercise, but it fails too often of result. Not that it is the truckers' fault. There has been such a tremen-dous increase in export business and so much cold and snow to hamper rapid freight handling and so many drivers of trucks have gone to war or to other work that a time was leavished.

Central West condition was thus described: Freight trains sialled in show; engines frozen: shortage of water for engines: water plugs frozen as fast as thawed out; derailments due to broken truck frames and men refusing to broken truck frames and men refusing to the work account extreme cold.

Through other sections of the territory directed from this city dire weather reports came in, making the record freight movement assem all the more impossible. The reason advanced for the improvement in spite of these obstacles was that every advantage of the weather vastaken at points less atfasted.

Late afternoon reports gavg more encouragement in rising temperatures recorded generally throughout the Middle West but containing some threat of flood. Gorgus in rivers were rising with the temperature in that section. In New York, up-State, there was a hard snowfall and high wind reaching from Albany to Rochester. Snow ploughs were rushed out, and a reduction in train tonnage was again reported.

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It was anounced that diriting show yesterday made it impossible to keep tracks open through New England. Acentral New England train was smowbound at Peeding Hills, Mass., from late afternoon Tuesday until a snow polough was sent yesterday forenoon from Pine Plains, N. Y., to its relief

Meany Snew Up-State. Justice Sawyer ordered the court adjourned until to-day, when the whole matter will be gone into.

Judge Delehanty was a candidate for reelection in November, 1916. Judge McIntyre, his opponent, according to the returns, was elected by more than 800 majority. The recount of the ballots in the contest brought by Judge Delehanty was begun about a month ago. There are no official figures at this time to show how the recount stands, but it has been unofficially stated by both sides that their candidate was making unexpected gains.

"It's mighty bad down here," said a truckman yesterday. "Some of the trucks have to wait in line three or four hours to get to the plers. There is a shortage of freight handlers, and we haven't enough drivers. The stuff seems to come from all points at once. The exports are heaviest, of course, and the congestion of goods due to this port reaches all the way through New Jersey and to Philadelphia. It doesn't look like there will be any improvement until we get some

dlers. GIRL TELLS OF A SLAYING.

Policeman Was Shot. The adventures of a schoolgirl, who grow tired of her books and decided to get married, who started out with her prospective bridegroom in his father's automobile, expecting to elope to Connecticut, but wound up in a police station, were told yesterday in General Sessions. Maybelle de Laipe, 14, of 622 West 179th street, told the story. She was testffying in the case of George J. Stivers, once member of the Twenty-second New York Engineers, who is charged with the murder of Samuel Cunningham, a motorcycle policemun. Stiver's machine was wrecked on the Boston Post road, the girl shid, and she and the young man returned to New The adventures of a schoolstri, wh chine had been stolen. Stivers, she said

CHILD DEAD: FATHER HELD.

Doses of Whiskey and Peroxide a Soothing Syrup Prove Fatal. Whiskey and peroxide was the south-ing syrup which Michael Suriera of 1323 Amsterdam avenue fed his two-year-old son Joseph two weeks ago in an effort to stop the child's nocturnal crying according to a charge made before the Grand Jury in the Criminal Court yesterday. The case was being heard and Mrs. Mary Suriera, mother of the child, was testifying to her husband's cruelty when word came from the Harlem Hospital the infant had died. The charge against the father was withdrawn by Moses Rytten-berg, Assistant District Attorney, who declared he would bring action against Suriers for murder.

According to Ryttenberg, the man came home on the night of January 20 and found his offspring crying. After giving the whiskey and peroxide to the child Suriera, enraged because the noise did not cease, threw his son on the floor, lighted him and then there him the contract of the cont

There was just a bit of excitement at There was just a bit of excitement at Sherry's yesterday when a number of firemen trooped in and asked where the blase was to be found. Somebody had turned in a false alarm from Fosty-fourth street and Fifth avenue and had told the firemen that they would find the fire in Sherry's. The only fire in action was under a tenderion stack, for which

Alfred P. Posner, Lieutenant of infan-try in the United States Officers Reserve Corps, and a member of the New York Stock Exchange, obtained yesterday from Justice Bijur permission to change his last name to Parker, Posner is 23 years old and resided at the Hotel Vanderbilt before solur interpretant

### **NEW ICE HARVEST** STARTS NEXT WEEK

Awaited Before Surplus -Cut Begins.

TRUST LAW SIDESTEPPED SEEKS ONLY EFFICIENCY

Bennett Getting Local Dealers, Sixty in All, to Sign Agreement.

harvesters of natural ice will begin to ut and store an ice surplus, which is to be taken off their hands by the arti-

ficial ice manufacturers under an agreement made with the Food Administration. Estimates place this surplus at between 390,000 and 1,000,000 tons and the manufacturers will pay for it at a rate which will not exceed 33 a ton.

George L. Bennett, assistant director of the Bureau of Transportation and Distribution, who has represented the Federal Food Board in all the negotiations looking to the securing of an adequate supply for the summer, is now getting signatures to the agreement. Thus far about 70 per cent. of the manufacturers have signed. Mr. Bennett hopes to get the signatures of the remainder before the end of the week. He said last night that there will be sixty names in all.

names in all.

To keep from violating the Pederal and State anti-trust laws, the document was drawn so as to enable individual manufacturers and Herbert C. Hoover, National Food Administrator, to enter into an agreement by the terms of which Mr. Hoover will appoint a "conservation." Mr. Hoover will appoint a "conservation committee" to be nominated by the mer in the business. This committee is em

on the numbers. This committee is em-powered to make contracts for the man-facturers for the purchase of the natural comen's surplus.

The agreement, together with the nominations for the committee, will be forwarded to Washington, and as soon as Mr. Hoover acts on them, which will be immediately, the ring of the ice saws will be heard on the Hudson and Mo-hawk and the ice houses will receive their additional stores.

their additional stores.

In a talk yesterday to the Jovian League, an organisation of electrical men, Arthur Williama, Federal Food Administrator for this city, explained how the ice agreement had been reached in order that ammonia and coal, needed for artificial ice making, might be saved. The additional supply of natural ice, which is to take the place of an equal amount of artificial ice, Mr. Williams said, would prevent the possibility of a serious ice shortage in the summer.

200,000 U. S. TROOPS IN FRANCE. Tardies So Discloses in After Din-

That there are more than 200,000 American troops on the western battle front or in training in France, and that before July 1 France will be able to manufacture enough artillery to supply twenty American divisions, or 500,000 troops, were striking statements made last night by Andre Tardieu, French High Commissioner to the United States, M. Tardieu's speech was made at a din-ner of the French Alliance, given in the Plass, celebrating the anniversary of the treaty between France and the

were also present.

While Rear Admiral Colby M. Cheste

The third panel of the Sheriff's Jury

mittee.
Justice Victor J. Dowling, the Rev.
Howard Duffield, D. D.; Police Commissioner Enright and Sheriff Enott will
be the speakers. John J. Lyons, who ran against the Sheriff, will be a special guest of honor. Five hundred persons will be present.

MAYOR ASKS RIORDAN'S AID. President's Assistance in Hell

Gate Channel Question Desired. At the suggestion of Dock Commi At the suggestion of Dock Commis-sioner Hulbert Mayor Hylan yesterday wrote to Representative Riordan asking him to take up with the President per-sonally the question of having the Hell Gate channel deepened to forty feet at once. The eagineers of the War De-partment take the stand the bill author-izing the improvement provides for no izing the improvement provides for no more than thirty feet, and they are go-ing ahead on that basis.
"I need not say to you," wrote the Mayor, "the attitude of the War De-partment is not only discouraging but partment is not only discouraging but disheartening. May I suggest that you as the senior member of the New York delegation in Congress take the matter

**NURSE PUTS OUT FIRE** IN KITCHEN OF WARD Bellevue Volunteers Found Little to Do on Arrival.

Chief Kenlon, "Smoky Joe" Martin and such sundry other notables of the Fire Department as break into the news after the second alarm will please take off their hats to Miss Annie Kerr, who after the second alarm will please take off their hats to Miss Annie Kerr, who is a whole fire department in her own right. Miss Kerr is head nurse of ward 28 at Bellovus. As everybody knows, the discipline for nurses there makes the Kaiser's army rules look like to joke. A Bellovus nurse is trained to the minute, and a head nurse is as much of a martinet as Old Man Ludendorff in his most martial moments.

Miss Kerr was sitting at her deak yesterday wondering whether she should be reast a novice for net having a patient's bath within one one-hundredth of a degree of the right temperature when she thought she smelled smoke. She walked calmly and silently to an antercom and into the kitchen of the rest room and found a fire doing business there. Did she scream? Not so you could notice it. She merely get a couple of fire extinguishers and went to work on the fire. When the hospital's is observed in the ground little to do, and the head nurse was suffering from contact with the smoke.

### MAYOR AND WOLFF AT GRIPS ON COAL

Hoover's Signature to Pact Hylan Begs Question, Says A derman, When Rebuke Is Perused.

Board Member Asserts His Constituents Demand Attention to Duty.

Mayor Hylan yesterday undertook to It is expected that early next week the rebuke Alderman Barnet Wolff for his temerity in introducing in the board a resolution asking the Mayor what, if arything, he had done under the ordinance giving him power to selse private coal supplies and sell the fuel to the poor. He caught a Tartar. Alderman Wolff came right back last night with the declaration the Mayor was begging

the declaration the Mayor was begging the question.

The Mayor's letter read.

"If you have nothing else to do as an Alderman but impute wrong motives to those who are trying to aid the people. I will now suggest something for you to do. Why not get busy in your own Aldermanic district and aid those who are in distress and in need of coal by applying for relief to the Mayor's Coal Committee, whose offices are in the Times Building. Forty-second street and Broadway, which committee has aided over 40,000 families; or through the police, who have in the last thirty days collected from good and charitable citizens 2,300 tons of coal and distributed 2,107 tons of this coal and brought relief to 66,772 needy families throughout the city.

the city.

"I prepared this ordinance in the interest of the people and the authority vested in me by this ordinance shall be exercised in a lawful and orderly manner. I have always believed in action rather than words. Stop talking about your neighbors, Alderman, and help the poor of your district."

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All of which left unanswered the question as to what the Mayor has really done under the seisure ordinance.

Alderman Wolff's reply is in part:
"I realise full well I was not elected to dole out charity. My constituency elected me to legislate constructively. They asked not for charity, but efficiency from their representatives. I feel quite certain the people of this city did not elect you to act as an official philanthropist, but to use the machinery of the city government and the powers vested in you in their behalf.

The implication was you knew where coal was and would seise it. We Socialists, therefore, voted to give you this power. Now we, and thousands of others in this city, want to know what has been

"You say I should stop talking about my neighbors. Don't you think that to be an unfortunate way of describing the conduct of a member of the legislature of our city who asks for information to which that body is entitled?"

## AS G. O. P. CHAIRMAN

Progressive Members of National Committee Plan Their Fight.

One of the strongest arguments the Progressive members of the Republican National Committee will urge against the selection of John T. Adams as chairman to succeed William R. Willcox at the meeting to be held in St. Louis next women labor conference at the home of mough Senators this year to obtain control of the upper house in Congress.

They will urge upon the "Old Guard" the danger of spreading the impression throughout the country that the Republican organization has been captured by the deline control of the publican organization has been captured by the deline control of the publican organization has been captured to the control of the publicant of the control of the c by the old line conservative leaders, and

by the old line conservative leaders, and will argue this would be fatal to success in a number of close States.

Although the Progressives acknowledge the situation on lis face seems to insure the election of Mr. Adams, the present vice-chairman and representative on the committee from Iowa, they are planning to put up a vigorous fight. Including the representatives from the five Terrisous New York Legislative League, meeting, Waldorf, 2 P. M.

Sew Hotel Astor, 3 P. M.

National Opera Club, meeting, Waldorf, 2 P. M.

Sew York Legislative League, meeting, Waldorf, 2 P. M.

Southland Club, meeting, Waldorf, 2 P. M. vice-chairman and representative on the committee from Iowa, they are planning to put up a vigorous fight. Including the representatives from the five Territories there are fifty-three members of the committee. Of that number friends of Mr. Adams claim thirty. They give eighteen to Will H. Hays of Indiana and class five as doubtful. they are going to St. Louis to make the fight for him.

ENLISTMENTS CUT CLASS.

small Number of Graduates at Erasmue Hall High School.

SEEK MEN WHO CAN TALK IN THE DARK Four Minute Orators Call for

Volunteer Speakers.

livery and not afraid to talk in the derk, the Four Minute Men want you for work in the motion picture houses. F. H. Oulcott, chairman of the extension committee, is seeking men who are willing to tell the public what the Government is doing and spread its viewpoint in four minute talks between performances at the theatres of the city.

### The Sun Calendar

THE WEATHER.

For eastern New York, snow in the north, rain in the south portion in the sarly morning to-day; fair to-morrow; not much change in temperature; fresh northwest winds. For New Jersey, probably rain in the early merning, followed by being fair to-day; partly cloudy to-morrow; not much change in temperature; moderate westerly

day; partiy cloudy to-morrow; not much change in temperature; moderate westerly winds.

For morthern New England, snow to-day, with rising temperature; partiy cloudy to-morrow; continued warm; fresh west to northwest winds.

For morrow; Irosh southwest winds.

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For morrow; Irosh southwest winds.

For western New Tork, cloudy and slightly warmer to-day; fair to-morrow.

Wasterinortow, Fob. 5.—The pressure distribution has changed materially in the last twenty-four hours. As a result southerly winds have set in over the Atlantic coast districts, with a pronouncer lies in temperature. The temperature has fisce in the Onio Valley, the lower lake resion. Tennessee and the hant Guif states, and it is now above the seasonal states, and it is now above the seasonal states, and cloudly all parts of the country, the free time such a condition has obtained in section with the seasonal states and the resion, light raise in the upper like region, light raise in the upper Onio Valley and Tennessee and generous rains in northern California, Washington and Orreon, and the western rain area has extended eastward over Idaho and Montana.

The weather in the Washington foreuse district will be fair during the next forreight hours except that light local rains will fall early Thurwday in portions of the middle Atlantic States and snow or ain in New England. Moderate temperatures will continue in Atlantic coast district Thursday and Friday and there are no pressit indications of severe cold for the next few days.

LOCAL WEATHER CONDITIONS

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STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Norman Bridge (Am.)
Panama (Am.)
President Grant (Am.)
Mo-Sandefjord (Nor.
San Jeronimo (Br.)
Westland (Am.)

MINIATURE ALMANAC Moon rises......3:2 A M HIGH WATER THIS DAY. Hell Gate ..... 5:51 A M

LOW WATER THIS DAY. Sandy Hook,10:22 A M Gov. Island 11:15 A M Hell Gate.....12:00 M EVENTS TO-DAY.

Third panel of Sheriff's jury, dinner, Hatel Biltmore, 7 P. M.
Dr. Stephen S. Wise speaks on "Our Puture Citisenship and the School." Synagegue House, 22 West Sixty-eighth street.
4 P. M.
Medical officers from Camp Upten discuss military medicine, New York Academy of Medicine, 3:30 P. M.
Mr. Vesnitch of Serbian Commission speaks at meeting of the American Weman's Hospital, 327 Madison avenue, 2 P. M.
Brewn University dinner, Delmontos 7 P. M.
The Dickens Pellowship, dinner, Keet's Chep House, 107 West

P. M.
Holy Cross College Club of New York,
dinner, Rotel McAlpin, 7 P. M.
Dr. William Starr Myers speaks on offrent history at Brooklyn Institute afternoon and evening.

Southland Club, meeting, Walquef 2

PUBLIC LECTURES TO-NIGHT. MANHATTAN "The Struggle for Independence in is imerica," by Lavingston R. Schuyer, D. at the Washington Irving High Schwing rving place, Sixteenth and Sevente treats, "Doing Without," by Miss Elizabeth Ernamus Hall High School.

The enlistment of Erasmus Hall High School boys in different branches of war service created a marked decrease in the number graduated yesterday. It was the smallest class to leave Erasmus In years, numbering only 103 pupils.

The Rev. Dr. John F. Carson, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, spoke at the exercises held in the school auditorium on Flatbush avenue, Brookslyn. Mrs. Isaac Franklin Russell, a member of the Board of Education, awarded the diplomas. The Turnes medal was given to Helen H. Ringe.

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Irving place, Sixteenth and Seventesth streats.

"Doing Without," by Miss Elizabeth B. Nicholas avenue and inchest and shind, by Dr. George H. Kriny, directly by Pr. George H. Kriny, directly by School 65, Hester, Essen and Norfek streats.

"An Evening With Engene Facilities and the War," by Mr. Ivelet, and School 65, Hester, Essen and Norfek streats.

"Blann and the War," by Mr. Ivelet, and the War," by Mr. Ivelet, and the War, by Mr. Ivelet,

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"Franklin, the Practical Man of A fairs." by Thomas McTiernan, Uh. P. al the Morris High School, 166th street and Boston road, 78 PREUMONIA DEATHS IN DAY.

Cold Wave Makes Rate Highest is the Last Five Years. The gold wave that struck New Yor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. try for military supplies